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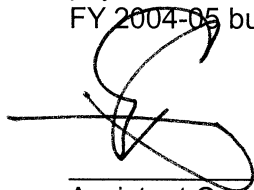
TO: Honorable Chairperson Barbara Carey-Shuler, Ed.D.
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 4, 2003

FROM: 
George M. Burgess
County Manager

SUBJECT: Mosquito Control Helicopter

At the November 14, 2003 Governmental Operations and Environment Committee meeting, Commissioners expressed concern about whether County funds are budgeted in an amount sufficient to add to the \$840,000 federal grant awarded to Miami-Dade County to pay for a Mosquito Control helicopter. Specifically, the concern centered on \$200,000 in County funds previously budgeted for the helicopter purchase and reallocated last spring by the Board to other uses. With Board approval of the federal grant on this agenda, the Public Works Department can order the new helicopter. Once the procurement process is complete, we will know how much the helicopter will actually cost. As with any other purchase, if the price is significantly higher than expected (in excess of \$1.3 million), payment options will have to be considered at that time. However, if the cost is in the range of \$1.2 million to \$1.3 million and if the helicopter payment is needed prior to October 1, 2004, the shortfall could be funded from the Grant Match Reserve or the Capital Outlay Reserve. Any portion of the payment for the helicopter not needed until after October 1, 2004, would be included in the FY 2004-05 budget.

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Assistant County Manager